

## REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 10, 22, 23, and 28 are amended and claims 11 and 12 are cancelled. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe fees are dues in connection with filing this communication. If, however, additional fees are necessary as a result of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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